

MEMBERS' VOICES: September 2013 - January 2014 **Speaking out for Nursing: Speaking out for Health**

Independent Practice Nurses Interest Group IPNIG

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1. RNAO END: Engage with registered nurses and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization.

IPNIG sent e-blasts to all their RNs and nursing students' members.

1. Request to read the open letter by Ruth Volpato describing the many benefits to being an RNAO and IPNIG member. ... [click here to read letter](#)
2. E-blast sent "Year at a Glance" based on membership surveys and the executive findings from the previous year that asked the public "what work do nurses do and where do they work" ... to find the public had very limited knowledge of the huge diversity of available nursing care services. This year the IPNIG new strategy is to increase awareness of RN's to all nursing services being performed. Equally important to increase the general public awareness of the great diversity of client centered nursing intervention health care services across all levels of prevention. January 2014 Message Year at a Glance ... [more](#)

On November 7, 2013 at the UOIT Student's Open House for RNAO Interest Groups, the IPNIG exhibit table, featuring the new IPNIG exhibit table posters and banners, was very popular with the attendees. Students asked very direct questions. Ruth Volpato was kept busy describing rehabilitation nursing work coordinating and advising insurance catastrophic injury claims and Jana Bartley answered questions on her nursing work as a patient advocate legal advisor.

2. RNAO END: RNAO advances the role and image of nurses as members of a vital, knowledge-driven, caring profession, and as significant contributors to health.

IPNIG upgraded the IPNIG web site with a helpful pertinent research and business theory resource information to assist all Independent and Intrepreneur private practice registered nurses.

ICN Guidelines on the Nurse Entre/Intrepreneur Providing Nursing Services

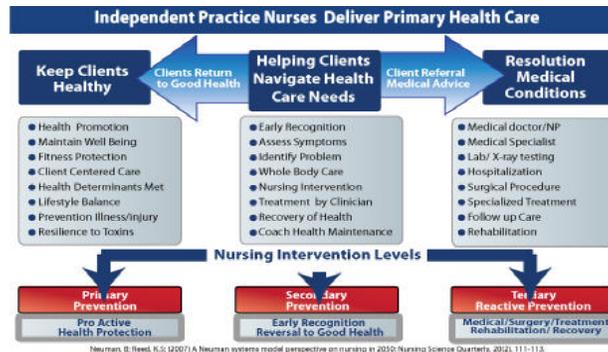
A small but growing percentage of nurses are reclaiming their traditional right to independent clinical practice. ... [click here](#)

IPNIG new marketing image promotes Independent Practice Nurse as health care advocates for clients as clinicians, academics, client advisors, researchers The Independent Practice Nurses help navigate the health care system to protect, promote and prevent illness and injury

New IPNIG Marketing Image - Independent Private Practice Nurses based on Nursing Intervention on three levels of prevention

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IPNIG END - To raise the awareness of the huge diversity of Independent Nursing Practices and their extensive Specialized Nursing Expertise

IPNIG END - Promote to the community a greater awareness of the independent Private Practice nurse highly diversified nursing care service and their ability to guide a client to good health

Familiarize yourself with the wealth of information on the IPNIG web site

Professional Practice submit a description of your Independent private practice nursing profile

Guidelines to get you started[more](#)

Research IPNIG is exploring developing a Best Practice Guideline Tool Kit for independent practice nurses to review their nursing service using BPG review inclusive of all levels of prevention in Primary Health Care Delivery[click here](#)

Education

IPNIG web site posts educational help for independent private practice registered nurses... [more](#)

- Business Start-Up Checklist
- Highest quality of professional nursing standards of care
- College of Nurses regulatory requirements for licensing

Policy and Practice Independent practice registered nurses provide nursing services across all levels of prevention following the Primary Health Care model of delivery for client centered care. See difference between Primary Health Care and Primary Care ... [click here](#)

Member Services RNAO / IPNIG Membership Benefits and professional liability Insurance outlined in an Open Letter ... [click here](#)

3. RNAO END: RNAO speaks out on emerging issues that impact on nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.

IPNIG posts timely newsletter releases on "News you Can Use" for all registered nurses to read.

See the selected reading of a recently released research of a Health Policy Survey of the General Public January 2014 by Health Council of Canada. Where you live matters: Canadian views on health care quality

IPNIG END - to network, lead and participate in political action and public education for utilization of the full capabilities of Independent Private Practice Nurses

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IPNIG AGM Minutes - November 2013 ... [click here](#)

E blast News January 2014 Message 'Year at a Glance' ... [click here](#)

2014 strategic plan this year is to focus on RN colleague and public awareness of RN work.

1. Monthly meet ups with members including virtual capabilities
2. Survey the members for their needs to create pertinent monthly topics at meetings.
3. Public forum 2015 with RNs and Community status of health care.

4. RNAO END: RNAO influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system.

All Independent Practice Registered Nurses are asked to join a growing number of nurses with specialty practices that impact community health of people where they live, work and play!

From the Declaration of Alma-Afterworld Health Organization, 1978 ... [more](#)

IPNIG website features A Nursing Call to Action, a report from the CNA's National Expert Commission that suggests a fundamental shift in how health and health care is funded, managed and delivered in Canada. ... [read now](#). See below excerpt (page 25)

We are more inclined to agree with Canadians who called for the roles of health professionals (including nurses, midwives, pharmacists and paramedics) to be expanded, to make better use of their abilities and make the system more efficient, and with those who spoke of the need to promote multi-disciplinary, team-based care to make better use of the resources we have. Suggestions for how nurses could contribute to better care included extending the ability of registered nurses to prescribe medication, and making more use of nurse practitioners and registered nurses in primary, community, long-term and acute care.

Independent Practice Nurse Members need to tell the public community of their Primary Health Care nursing services they provide. Their specialized professional nursing health care, that is easily accessible, with early intervention to treat a host of primary health care issues and provides right on time client centered health care. Independent Practice Nurses have decades of experience in prevention, health coaching, reversing signs and symptoms with early treatment and early resolution!

In the IPNIG fall Newsletter 2012, all IPNIG members were asked to consider joining a growing number of nurses who are responding to National Expert Commission research [June 2102] on the Canadian Health Care system -"It is time to step up and speak out"... [read more](#)